PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, thousands of South Dakota families know, firsthand, the painful and frustrating limitations of physical disability; and

WHEREAS, those handicaps, cruel as they are, need not be totally disabling. Our society should not be deprived of the skills and talents of disabled men and women. Many of these men and women have a remarkable capacity for achievement despite their disability; and

WHEREAS, it is part of America's promise that every citizen should have the opportunity to escape from perpetual dependence, make the most of his capacities, and take a full part in community life; and

WHEREAS, state government and private organizations have long worked to reduce the consequences of disability. Research, health conservation programs, and medical and rehabilitation facilities have all combined to lessen the residual damage of disease and injury; and

WHEREAS, pockets of prejudice still exist, particularly against certain categories of the more severely disabled, and we must continue to educate our citizens--employers and workers, healthy and handicapped--about the benefits of developing and using every person's skills:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby call upon the people of South Dakota to observe the week beginning October 1, 1967, as--

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and urge the mayors of our cities and other public officials, as well as leaders of industry, educational and religious groups, labor, civic, veterans, agricultural, womens, scientific, professional and fraternal organizations, and all other interested organizations and individuals, including the handicapped themselves, to participate in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 15 day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-seven.

Nils A. Boe

NILS A. BOE, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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